

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention relates to a compound to selectively kill or
protect a target cell in a patient with reduced systemic toxicity, which
comprises a compound of the formula: W-Z-X wherein, X is a toxic agent or
protective agent; W is a biologically active molecule which is adapted to
selectively bind the target cell directly or indirectly; and Z is a breakable linker
which covalently links W and X together, wherein the linked W remains
10 bioavailable and bioactive, whereby the breakable linker releases the toxic
agent or protective agent into the cell.